



HAWAII SUGARCANE ACREAGE & PRODUCTION

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U.S. SUGARCANE

Production is forecast at a record high 36.6 million tons, 6 percent above the previous record of 34.7 million tons set last year. U.S. sugarcane growers intend to harvest a record high 991,200 acres for sugar and seed during the 1999 crop year, 5 percent more than last year's final harvested acres. The record high acreage is due to a 30,000 acre expansion in Louisiana and a 13,000 acre increase in Florida. Yield is forecast at 37.0 tons per acre, slightly above last year's yield of 36.6 tons. Louisiana's forecasted yield, at 34.0 tons per acre is a record high, 4.3 tons above the previous record high set last year.

Harvest steadily progressed with few rain delays. In Florida, all mills were grinding cane and about one-fourth of the acreage was harvested by the end of November. Louisiana's harvest was 61 percent complete as of November 29, slightly ahead of the 60 percent average for that date. By the end of the month, harvest was nearly complete in Hawaii, but remained active in Texas.

SUGARCANE FOR SUGAR AND SEED: Area harvested, yield, and production, by State and United States, 1997-98 and forecasted November 1, 1999

State	Area harvested		Yield ¹		Production ¹		
	1998	Indication 1999	1998	Indication 1999	1997	1998	Indication 1999
	----- 1,000 acres -----		----- Tons -----		----- 1,000 tons -----		
Florida	447.0	460.0	40.1	36.6	16,236	17,925	16,843
Hawaii	32.5	35.0	86.1	84.0	3,009	2,798	2,941
Louisiana	435.0	465.0	29.7	34.0	11,562	12,920	15,810
Texas	32.6	31.2	32.6	33.5	902	1,064	1,045
U.S.	947.1	991.2	36.6	37.0	31,709	34,707	36,639

¹ Net tons.